Town of Sturbridge

Charter Review Committee

Meeting Minutes June 9, 2016

Meeting convened at 2:33 pm in Town Hall Conference Room #2 by Chairperson William Haggerty. Present: Bruce Boyson (BB), Sandra Gibson-Quigley (SG-Q), Larry Morrison (LM) and William Haggerty (WH).

SG-Q moved, BB seconded acceptance of the minutes of June 1, 2016, as submitted. Passed 4-0. Paul Zapun (PZ) arrived at 2:34 pm.

The Committee resumed, at Section 3-8, its line-by-line reading of the comprehensive, color coded compilation of recommendations vis-à-vis their respective entries in the Charter. The continuing aim is to ferret out matters overlooked, to catch mistakes in prior iterations, to reconfirm decisions leaving specific language unchanged, and to clarify and refine the text. Each instance is tested by asking and parsing plausible, albeit remote, what-if questions. The review was suspended at Section 4-11. WH had previously distributed the compilation, which he had organized and drawn up.

No basis was found for proposing language with respect to the Town's impending move to electronic voting in town meetings.

SG-Q moved, BB seconded a motion to adjourn at 4:36 pm. Passed 5-0.

Respectfully submitted,

Larry Morrison, Clerk